

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Claims 25-31 and 21 are allowed.

An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Stephen B. Maebius on 9 July 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. Delete claims 1-14 and 22-24

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 25-31 and 21 are allowed. None of the prior art, either alone or in combination, teaches or suggests all of the elements in the claims. As explained above, Esumi does not teach the alkynyloxy in the group A position. Additionally, one of skill in the art would not have easily conceived of substituting an alkynyloxy for a p-hydroxy-phenyl group. For these reasons, Esumi does not anticipate or render the claims obvious. Furthermore, the Office has not given a reason for one of skill in the art to substitute an alkynyloxy group for the p-hydroxy- phenyl group of viridifungin A. As such, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to TIMOTHY E. BETTON whose telephone number is (571)272-9922. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30a - 5:00p.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiners' supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on (571) 272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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